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SUBJECT: TURKISH OPIUM POPPY CONTROL PROGRAM

THE FOLLOWING IS AN EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF TEXT OF MFA
DECEMBER 31 PRESS RELEASE CONCERNING CONGRESSMAN LESTER
WOLFF'S DECEMBER 24 STATEMENT ON THE TURKISH OPIUM POPPY
CONTROL PROGRAM:

BEGIN TEXT:

THE ALLEGATIONS OF MR. LESTER WOLFF, MEMBER OF THE
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THAT "WHILE IT WAS
ESTIMATED THAT 20,000 TONS OF OPIUM POPPY CAPSULES WOULD BE
PRODUCED IN TURKEY, IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT ONLY 6,000 TONS
WERE ACTUALLY PRODUCED, AND THE REMAINING 14,000 TONS ARE
BEING CONCEALED FOR DIVERSION TO HEROIN SMUGGLING" ARE UNTURE
AND COMPLETELY BASELESS.

IT WAS INITIALLY PLANNED THAT TURKEY WOULD PRODUCE 20,000

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TONS OF UNINCISED OPIUM POPPY CAPSULES. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF

WEATHER CONDITIONS, FLOODING, AND SEED QUALITY, PRODUCTION WAS CONSIDERABLY LOWER THAN NORMAL. IN ADDITION, THE FACT THAT A SMALLER AREA PER FARMER WAS CULTIVATED THAN HAD BEEN PROJECTED WAS ANOTHER REASON FOR SMALLER THAN ESTIMATED YIELD. THESE ARE THE REASONS WHY THE YIELD OF THE 1974/1975 CROP WAS ONLY A THIRD OF THE AMOUNT PROGRAMMED.

ON ONE HAND THE NEW METHOD OF PRODUCTION AND ON THE OTHER THE VERY EFFECTIVE CONTROL MEASURES TAKEN BY TURKEY TO PREVENT SMUGGLING HAVE COMBINED TO ELIMINATE ANY OPPORTUNITY FOR SMUGGLING. UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATIONS AND OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH NARCOTICS MATTERS HAVE DETERMINED THAT THIS IS THE CASE. TURKEY'S PRECAUTIONS AGAINST SMUGGLING HAVE BEEN PRAISED. FURTHERMORE, THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THESE PRECAUTIONS HAS BEEN NOTED IN OFFICIAL REPORTS OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

IN ANY CASE, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO DIVERT THE OPIUM POPPY CAPSULES INTO ILLEGAL CHANNELS BECAUSE OF TRANSPORTATION DIFFICULTIES

THIS BEING SO, MR. LESTER WOLFF'S UNTRUE ALLEGATIONS AND ACCUSATIONS SHOW HIS COMPLETELY IRRESPONSIBLE APPROACH TO THIS SUBJECT.

MR. WOLFF, WHOSE ATTITUDE (ON THIS SUBJECT) HAS LONG BEEN KNOWN, HAS BY THIS BASELESS ALLEGATION GIVEN ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF HIS UNJUSTIFIABLE, UNFOUNDED, AND ILL-WILLED ATTITUDE, WHICH IS REPRESENTATIVE OF THAT OF CERTAIN INTERNATIONAL INTEREST GROUPS WHICH SEEK TO PLACE TURKEY IN A DIFFICULT POSITION BEFORE PUBLIC OPINION IN FRIENDLY COUNTRIES.

END TEXT.
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